

The Ontario Argus

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FAIR'S VALUE SHOWN.

There is no doubt concerning the value of the Malheur County Fair. The fact that thousands of citizens came to Ontario to see the exhibits and enjoy the program demonstrates beyond cavil that it is filling a need in the lives of the people.

This is a sparsely settled country. Opportunity for social relaxation after a hard year's work are few and that the week spent here is beneficial to all who take part can not be doubted. If such events were not scheduled their loss would be more apparent. It is a case of "never missing the water until the well runs dry."

Of course one of the material benefits, and that is what most people desire from such an institution is the development of the spirit of friendly rivalry between the hundreds of exhibitors and the various communities, in their efforts to bring forward the best products. This effort stimulates intelligent effort and adds to the prosperity of the county.

How would the ranchers of the Brogan region, for example, know what can be done in the Adrian section were it not for the annual Fair? How would the Dead Ox Flat learn what is doing along the Boulevard?

In marking the passing of the 1918 Fair an injustice would be done if public recognition of the work of the board of directors: President A. L. Cockrum, Vice President E. A. Fraser and directors, H. H. Tunny, P. J. Gallagher and were not given. Similar appreciation should be given Secretary C. M. Stearns and his assistant, H. R. Douglass, as well as the superintendents and assistant superintendents of the various departments.

Without the untiring work of these officials, to whom countless details were referred during the rush of preparation, the fair could not have been held. Then, too, the exhibitors, especially the men from Adrian, the Boulevard, Brogan and Dead Ox Flat, are entitled to a special word of praise for what they have done to make the Fair a success. They have proven that they are "the salt of the earth," ready and willing at great inconvenience to themselves and with great labor to bring together the exhibits and arrange them with artistic skill.

After viewing the great crops that those who exhibited produced he would be a strange farmer indeed who would not be inspired to go home and make an effort to equal or surpass the result next year.

It is a truism that a country like an individual cannot stand still. It must either go forward or backward and without the incentive of the annual Fair with its competitive spirit the county would be more apt to go backward than forward.

This is especially true in a county which has no County Agent to bring to the attention of the ranchers the advanced ideas that are constantly being developed in agriculture.

BEWARE.

The German peace campaign has begun. More dangerous than the Hun armies are the wily diplomats of the Central powers, for they play a hidden game and find their support among the silent enemies of the allied governments, the pacifists, the peace at any price citizens, the I. W. W. and the misguided Socialists.

This is no time to talk peace, and a neutral nation is no place for the discussions of terms. When peace is declared it must emanate from Berlin or Vienna. The Hun must not escape the weight of the sword. No peace will be acceptable to the allied world until justice has been obtained and that justice means the absolute defeat of Hohenzollernism in Germany. The weight of the Prussian militarists must be broken. The Kaiser and his six untouchable sons must never again be in a position to plunge the world into war.

The spirit that moves the allied world to seek such a peace is not that of revenge, but merely of self preservation. A peace that would leave Germany untouched would be an inconclusive peace. It would merely be an armistice for Germany to prepare for "the next war." The peace that must follow this world conflagration must be a lasting peace or the blood of millions would have been shed in vain.

Not until Germany is ready to make restitution for her sins can the allied nations consider the discussion of peace terms with her.

ON THE MARK.

Oregon's Fourth Liberty Loan managers plan to put the state "over the top" by 9 a. m., September 18, the day on which the campaign starts in other states. That aim and purpose is the biggest possible aim. To make good on that purpose the banks of the state are to open at 7 a. m. to list the subscriptions.

There is no reason why this can not be done. Everyone who can possibly buy bonds at all knows today just as well as he will know a month from now how much he can spare from his necessities to buy Liberty Bonds. There is really no need for the taking of hundreds of hours from the work days of business men to be used in urging citizens to buy Liberty Bonds. As one such, you, Mr. Reader, should realize that. This is your war as well as that of the Liberty Bond salesmen and local committees. Since you are not called upon to aid in planning the campaign, listing the subscriptions, arrange for the advertising and the hundred and one things that must be done, the very least you can do is to come forward with your subscription, after being notified of the rating given you by the local committee.

This word is added concerning the ratings. They are made up by the local committee which has before it the total quota of the county and district. It is made from the best available knowledge. If it is too low you as a good American will voluntarily raise it; if it is too high, take it to your local committee some time between now and September 27 and have it adjusted. But do not "knock." do not complain that you have been asked to do more than your share. Think what the boys in the trenches MUST do for you. Then be a man and do your part cheerfully.

FEEDING THOUSANDS.

That Malheur and Harney counties are doing a great work in producing food for the nation may be judged by the fact that from September 1, 1917, to September 1, 1918, a total of 2311 carloads of cattle and sheep were shipped from Ontario and the towns on the branches leading to the westward from here.

There was a time, years ago, when Ontario alone recorded the shipment of many hundreds of carloads, while today it is fourth on the list, topped by Juntura, Crane and Brogan. But they all pass thru here and this is the gateway for business of the hundreds of stockmen.

The Argus can not give figures to show the value of the cattle and sheep but it would approximate \$5,000,000 for the year, and since there are but 16,000 people in the two counties it would seem that there is ample reason for the prosperity being enjoyed. Of course the profits of these shipments is to a degree concentrated in the hands of but a comparative few, but that condition will some day be corrected as the bigger holdings are divided into smaller ranches.

REGISTER NOW.

Voters who did not exercise their franchise two years ago, women who have changed their names by marriage within that time, men and women, too, who have reached their majority and are voting for the first time, voters who have moved from one precinct to another in the past year, or since the primaries, should at once proceed to have their registration corrected. The polls books are now open and are at the city hall, where they will be until October 5. This should give everyone an opportunity to correct their listings so that they can vote at the fall election.

CONNECT QUICKLY.

What use is a water system with which few homes are connected? Why should two systems be maintained when one will serve all people?

Why reduce the possible fire protection by having mains on the old water system still carrying precious water?

Consider one of these questions and proceed at once to make the necessary connections to the new water system. Ontario has \$100,000 invested in a new water system, and while already it has demonstrated its worth the city is only receiving partial benefit when it should soon be receiving full benefit. It is now up to the citizens of Ontario to make their newly acquired water system efficient by securing the maximum number of connections.

To do less than that is not good business from any standpoint. The health of the citizens demand this, the cost of city government likewise impels it. The system must be maintained anyway. The bills must be paid, the bond interest and the bonds themselves must be liquidated and that can only be done by using the system to as nearly its capacity as possible.

THE PICTURES

By COLLIN S. COLLINS.

"You don't want to stay for the pictures, do you?" asked Laura in the tone of one who expects the answer to be "No."

Beth blushed. She took a childish delight in motion pictures, but from the chatter about her, she gathered that it was considered childish to sit through the whole performance. Her cousin Laura seemed to regard the taste for vaudeville itself rather indicative of elementary development.

"Do you mind?" Beth asked timidly. "They're fire department pictures." With a shrug of her shoulder, her cousin settled back in the seat as the lights went out and the first picture was thrown on the screen. The property man and his fellows on the stage supplied the clanging of the bells and the screech of the whistles and to Beth it was all very real. Then the street with its engines vanished from the screen to be replaced by a contrasting picture of three firemen sitting in quarters engaged in a game of cards. Their faces were large enough to show the play of expression and the audience shrieked at the pantomimic humor.

But Beth had leaned forward and was looking eagerly at the screen. Laura tugged at her skirt, but the girl did not realize it. There upon the screen was Thad Burnham. She was sure of it. The picture changed again and she sank back into her seat quivering in every muscle.

Rapidly she explained to Laura how Thad had gone away from home, how his letters had stopped and his mother could find no trace of him. "His mother's heart is breaking for him," she declared. "I must find him and tell him to write home."

She left her seat and with trembling limbs started up the aisle, Laura following her country cousin curiously. An usher directed her to the balcony where the machine was operated, and she waited until the operator had finished.

He could give her little information other than to furnish her with the address of the firm which had taken the pictures. She could scarcely wait until the next morning to continue her search, and she started immediately after breakfast with a male cousin as an escort.

The manager was courteous and seemed to take an interest in her quest. The pictures had been made in town, he explained, and he gave her the number and address of the engine company. It was far uptown, but she could not rest and in a short time she stood in front of the tiny desk beside the glittering engine.

"Is Mr. Burnham, a fireman, here?" she asked with trembling voice. The man in blue shook his head.

"Tommy Burnham is with seven trucks," he explained.

"I am looking for Thadwick Burnham," she explained. "He was photographed here for some motion pictures." "Wicks, Roe and Casey posed for that picture," he declared. "You mean this?"

He took down from the wall a small framed photograph, evidently an enlargement of the picture film.

"That's Thad," she cried. "I'm sure of it."

"Call Roe down," commanded a voice behind her. The fireman sprang to salute and Beth turned to face a kindly-faced man with gold instead of silver buttons, and crossed trumpets on his cap front.

"Stand where you will be in the light," directed the newcomer, as he stepped into the background. Wonderingly she obeyed his directions as in answer to the call a man came sliding down the brass pole.

Before she could speak he had turned around and came toward her.

"Hello, Beth," he cried. "Where did you come from?"

"What is your name?" demanded the battalion chief. Instinctively the man's hand went to salute, and he gave a puzzled laugh.

"It's Burnham," he said. "You know I'm called Roe. What's the matter?"

"You remember the Jane street fire in the shop where you worked?" suggested the chief. Thad nodded. "But you forgot that in jumping to the net you fell short and struck on your head. When you came out of the hospital you had forgotten who you were."

"I remember now," Thad exclaimed. "The boys were interested in me and kept me going until I could get in the department. You gave me Richard Roe for a name, eh?"

"I saw you in the pictures at the theater," Beth explained. "I knew it was you."

"Which is more than I did," he laughed. "I've been some one else for nearly a year now. Is mother—"

Beth nodded, as his voice faltered. "She is alive," she assured, "but very homesome. She thinks you are dead."

The chief stepped forward. "I'm going up to see the foreman," he said huskily. "Put in your application for leave and I'll see that headquarters cranks it."

He stamped up the stairs, and Thad turned to Beth. "And you?" he asked. "Have you—"

"I've been waiting, too," she assured him as her hand stole into his.

"We can have a pretty good honeymoon in 30 days," smiled Thad. "We'll send the picture men some of the cake."

"We must," she agreed, as he kissed her right before the man on watch. "I found you in the pictures."

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Reserve District No. 12

Report of Condition of the ONTARIO NATIONAL BANK

At Ontario, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on Aug. 31, 1918.

Resources.

1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown in b and c).....	\$500,527.78	
Deduct:		
d Notes and bills rediscounted (other than bank acceptances sold) see Item 57a).....	\$99,421.20	\$401,106.58
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$.....; unsecured \$113.97		113.97
3. U. S. Bonds (Other than Liberty Bonds, but including U. S. certificates of indebtedness:		
a U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	60,000.00	
b U. S. Bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	20,000.00	
d U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged as collateral for State or other deposits or bills payable	20,000.00	\$100,000.00
6. Liberty Loan Bonds:		
a. Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½, 4, and 4½ per cent, unpledged	5,888.55	
b Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½, 4, and 4½ per cent, pledged to secure U. S. deposits	20,000.00	25,888.55
7. Bonds, securities, etc. (other than U. S.):		
a Bonds (other than U. S. bonds) pledged to secure U. S. deposits	1,000.00	
e Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	9,904.78	
Total bonds, securities, etc., other than U. S.		10,904.78
9. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscriptions)		2,400.00
10. a Value of banking house	39,000.00	
b Equity in banking house		39,000.00
11. Furniture and fixtures		5,400.00
12. Real estate owned other than banking house		3,550.00
13. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		32,201.42
14. Items with Federal Reserve Bank in process of collection (not available as reserve)		8,000.000
15. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		30,632.31
16. Net amount due from banks, bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 13, 14, or 15		7,475.49
18. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 17)		1,585.77
Total of Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18		\$47,693.57
19. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		570.28
20. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and from U. S. Treasurer		3,000.00
22. War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned		117.74
Total		671,946.89

Liabilities.

24. Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00	
25. Surplus fund	23,000.00	
26. a Undivided profits	6,295.86	
b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	5,882.86	413.00
28. Amount reserved for taxes accrued		494.53
30. Circulating notes outstanding		58,900.00
32. Net amounts due to National banks		1,062.49
33. Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 31 or 32)		12,430.65
Total of Items 32 and 33		\$13,493.14
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
34. Individual deposits subject to check		304,736.74
35. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)		42,045.82
37. Cashier checks outstanding		4,949.13
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41		\$351,731.76
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
42. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		94,452.37
44. Postal savings deposits		856.93
45. Other time deposits		19,188.69
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, and 45		\$114,497.99
46. United States deposits (other than postal savings):		
a War loan deposit account	29,417.37	29,417.37
51. Bills payable, with Federal Reserve bank		20,000.00
TOTAL		\$671,946.84
57. a Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 1d)		99,421.20

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF MALHEUR, ss:

I, W. F. Homan, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. F. HOMAN, Cashier,

Correct—Attest:

C. R. EMISON,

L. ADAM,

T. J. BROSNAN,

Directors.

(Seal)

GILBERT L. KING, Notary Public.

My commission expires January 17th, 1920.

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